



## Cornerstone Christian School

### *Eighth Grade Summer Reading*

Students will need to read **ONE** book over the Summer break.

Students are to select their book from the list below and it must not be a book that they have previously read. A report is to be written and submitted on the first day of school.

Your report must be approximately **three typed pages**. The **font size must be no larger than 12** (Font style- *Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri*). Please use double spacing and have **one inch margins** on all sides. Your name, grade and date should be on the top left of your report.

#### Book Report Outline -

- Title and Author
- A good place to start your report is to explain what you believe the author's purpose and/or the main theme of the book is.
- Then provide brief descriptions of the setting, the point of view (who tells the story), and other main characters. If there is a distinct mood or tone in the writing, discuss that as well.
- Write a summary. But don't try to summarize each chapter. Choose the most significant points/events in the story. Begin with the sequence of major events, the book's climax and conclusion (how did things turn out).
- Give your opinion – Consider these questions: Did you think the writing was inspirational, poetic, or difficult? Did you enjoy reading the book and would you recommend it to someone else? If so, why or why not?
- Briefly conclude by pulling your thoughts together. You may want to say what impression the book left you with, or emphasize what you want the reader of your report to know about the book.

### **Have a Blessed Summer and Happy Reading!**

#### **Eighth Grade Summer Reading List**

Alcott, Louisa May. ***Eight Cousins***

Alcott, Louisa May. ***Little Women*** (or any other title by this author)

Boom, Corrie Ten. ***The Hiding Place***

Braithwaite. ***To Sir, With Love***

Collins, Suzanne. ***The Hunger Games***

Cooper, James Fenimore. ***The Last of the Mohicans***

Dafoe, Daniel. ***Robinson Crusoe***

Dashner, James. ***The Maze Runner***

Daugherty, James. ***Of Courage Undaunted***



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Dumas, Alexandre. *The Count of Monte Cristo*  
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Freedman, Russell. *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*  
Fritz, Jean. *The Double Life of Pocahontas*  
Grant, George. *The Last Crusader*  
Hamilton, Bethany. *Soul Surfer*  
Keller, Helen. *The Story of My Life*  
Kipling, Rudyard. *Captains Courageous*  
Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*  
Lasky, Kathryn. *Jahanara: Princess of Princesses*  
Lewis, C.S. *Out of the Silent Planet*  
Mansfield, Stephen. *Forgotten Founding Father: George Whitefield*  
Mazer, Harry. *A Boy at War: a Novel of Pearl Harbor*  
Murphy, Jim. *A Young Patriot*  
Newman, Shirlee. *The African Slave Trade*  
Paterson, K. *Jacob Have I Loved*  
Rawlings, Marjorie K. *The Yearling*  
Sachar, Louis. *Holes*  
Seiple, Samantha. *Death on the River of Doubt: Teddy Roosevelt's Amazon Adventure*  
Speare, Elizabeth George. *Calico Captive*  
Spinelli, Jerry. *Milkweed*  
Sterman, Betsy. *Saratoga Secret*  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped*  
Taylor, Mildred. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*  
Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*  
Twain, Mark. *Tom Sawyer*  
Vaughn, David. *Give Me Liberty*  
Wells, H.G. *The Time Machine*  
Wells, H.G. *The Sword in the Stone*  
Woodruff, Elvira. *The Orphan of Ellis Island*  
Wyss, J.D. *The Swiss Family Robinson*